GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SCANNING OF BAGGAGE AT AIRPORTS
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) Whether the Government is considering to scan all baggage thoroughly and reduce physical verificatin to the minimum at all upcoming airports in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether the Government plans to install of state-of-the-art equipment at all these airports;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Instructions have been issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security(BCAS) to install on line X-ray baggage screening system at all the airports serviced by civil commercial flights, in a phased manner by the airport operators. Initially all international airports will be provided with online X-ray baggage screening system.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. State-of-the-art equipment like X-ray Baggage Inspection System

(X-ray BIS), Door Frame Metal Detector(DFMD), Hand Held Metal Detector(HHMD) etc. have already been deployed at the airports in the country. It has further been decided to install equipments like Bio-metric Access Control system, Explosive Detection Equipment, Closed Circuit Television(CCTV), Perimeter Intrusion Detection system etc. at all the major airports in the country.